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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NSC

REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum from Executive Secretary, NSC, to
DCI dated 8 February 1950.
(b) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Atomic
Energy Intelligence dated 9 June 1950,
transmitted to Executive Secretary, NSC,
13 June 1950

The Intelligence Advisory Committee has considered the subject
report and submits the following comments on the Recommendations contained
therein:

1. An "overriding" priority cannot be assigned to the
collection of atomic energy information but this matter should
be assigned a very high priority in all of the collection agencies.

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7. Closer liaison is to be maintained between the technical analysts and the field collection activities.

8. The pertinent NSCIDs should be followed more strictly to effect coordination of intelligence activities. The frustration of committee procedure is deplored. It is better, however, to have an interlocking committee structure than separate committees. "Unanimous consent procedure" is not essential.

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Established procedures for obtaining decisions from higher authorities should be used when committees do not agree unanimously. The multiplicity of committees and boards and adherence to the prescribed unanimity rule tend to neutralize the effectiveness of Communications Intelligence.

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